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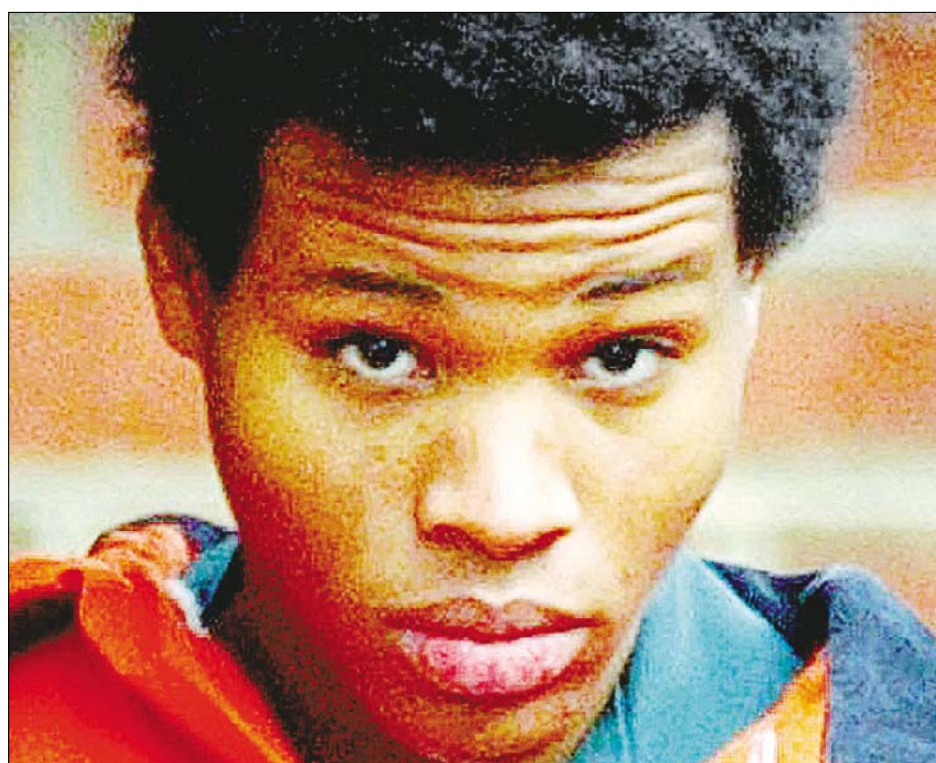


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SUSAN WALSH/AP

CONVICTED: Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, was found guilty of killing FBI analyst Linda Franklin last October.

Malvo Guilty

Jury rejects insanity defense; teen could face death penalty

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Jurors on Thursday convicted Lee Boyd Malvo of capital murder in the Washington, D.C.-area sniper killings, rejecting claims the teenager was brainwashed by John Allen Muhammad into joining a three-week rampage that left 10 people dead and terrorized millions.

The jury had deliberated for 13 hours over two days. It now will decide whether Malvo, 18, should be sentenced to death or given life in prison without parole. A jury in nearby

Virginia Beach convicted Muhammad last month and recommended that he be executed for his role in the killings.

Malvo was convicted of two counts of capital murder in the Oct. 14, 2002, killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot. One count alleged multiple murders in a three-year period; the second alleged Franklin's death was an act of terrorism. He also was found guilty on a firearms charge.

Family members of the sniper victims patted each other on the shoulders as the verdict was read, while Franklin's daughter, Katrina Hannum, cried. MATTHEW BARRAKAT (AP)

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7 Counts of Molestation For Jackson

Pop star denies allegations of 'sexual conduct' with child

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | Michael Jackson was formally charged Thursday with repeatedly molesting a cancer-stricken boy at his Neverland Ranch, setting the stage for what could become one of the most sensational celebrity cases the world has ever seen.

The nine-count felony complaint charged Jackson with seven counts of lewd or lascivious acts upon a child under 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent. The molestation charges each carry between three and eight years in prison.

No specific details of the alleged acts were included in the complaint, which repeatedly stated they were committed "with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires" of Jackson and the child.

A source speaking for the family has told The Associated Press the intoxicating agent was wine. The source spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The complaint further alleged that Jackson had "substantial sexual conduct" with the child in February and March.

Jackson has said the charges are "predicated on a big lie," and his attorney, Mark Geragos, proclaimed Thursday: "Michael Jackson is unequivocally and absolutely innocent of these charges." TIM MOLLOY (AP)



Jackson

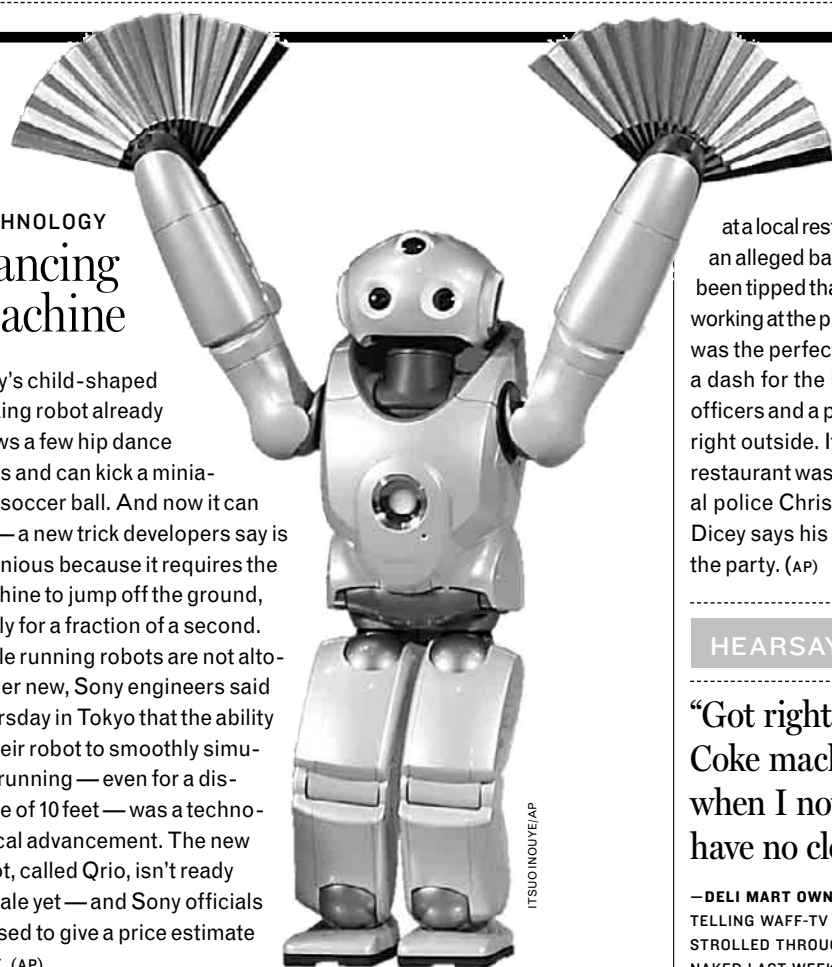
SPORTS | Club Cover-Up The days of swimming naked at the Milwaukee Athletic Club are coming to an end. The club decided to break with its 121-year-old tradition of allowing men to swim naked, saying everyone will have to cover up starting Jan. 2. Part of the reason, according to club

president Bob Bellin, is to lure in new members. "We felt that, in an effort to appeal to younger members, we had to change with the times," Bellin said. The club operates another pool for women and children, which has always required swimsuits. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

TECHNOLOGY Dancing Machine

Sony's child-shaped walking robot already knows a few hip dance steps and can kick a miniature soccer ball. And now it can jog — a new trick developers say is ingenious because it requires the machine to jump off the ground, if only for a fraction of a second. While running robots are not altogether new, Sony engineers said Thursday in Tokyo that the ability of their robot to smoothly simulate running — even for a distance of 10 feet — was a technological advancement. The new robot, called Qrio, isn't ready for sale yet — and Sony officials refused to give a price estimate for it. (AP)



ITSUO INOUE/AP

LAW Party Foul

Two Conway, N.H., officers were seated at a local restaurant by their suspect, an alleged bank robber. Officers had been tipped that Michael Mahone was working at the place. Police say Mahone was the perfect host — until he made a dash for the back door. Eight other officers and a police dog were waiting right outside. It just so happened the restaurant was next door to the annual police Christmas party. Chief Jeff Dicey says his officers still made it to the party. (AP)

HEARSAY | BARE

“Got right there at the Coke machine and that’s when I noticed he didn’t have no clothes on. ...”

—DELI MART OWNER LISA HANKINS
TELLING WAFF-TV ABOUT THE MAN WHO
STROLLED THROUGH HER ARAB, ALA., STORE
NAKED LAST WEEK, THEN WAVED AND LEFT.

RELATIONSHIPS Practice Makes Perfect

A man and a woman charged with participating in several sham green card marriages to illegal immigrants apparently are in love and want to get married again — this time to each other. Luis

Narvaez, 40, has already been married seven times, and Evelyn Rivera, 48, has been married eight times. Officials said Wednesday that the pair and 11 women were charged with perjury for lying on licenses for 52 bogus marriages from 1996 through last month. (AP)

CRIME Pleading Stupidity

A bank robber has lost his bid to overturn his conviction by arguing the stupidity of the crime proved he was too drunk to be responsible. Raymond Hernandez's robbery conviction stemmed from a September 2000 bank heist in Tularosa, N.M. Hernandez, 57, argued in his failed appeal that trying to rob the same teller who, moments earlier, had refused to cash his check was stupid enough to show he was inebriated. Court of Appeals Judge Cynthia Fry upheld Hernandez's earlier sentence of 41 years in prison, which includes time for four forgery counts consolidated with the robbery case. (AP)



FINANCE A Penny Saved ...

Xavier Imperiale never spent more than half his paycheck, and left checks from his stock portfolio, some dating back to the 1950s, uncashed. Now 72, he contacted the state treasurer's unclaimed property office earlier this year to see what he could recover from more than two decades of uncashed checks. The result: two checks worth a total of \$633,909. (AP)



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Wash. Killer Given Life Sentences

SEATTLE | Gary Ridgway, the Green River Killer who terrorized Seattle in the early 1980s, tearfully apologized for “killing all those young ladies” as a judge sentenced him Thursday to life in prison without the chance of release.

Ridgway, 54, bowed his head during 48 seconds of silence the judge ordered for his 48 victims — the most of any killer in U.S. history. After blistering Ridgway for his lack of compassion for the horror he brought to his victims, their families and the community, King County Superior Court Judge Richard Jones imposed 48 consecutive life sentences one at a time.

Prosecutors agreed to spare Ridgway the death penalty in exchange for his helping investigators find four previously undiscovered sets of remains and confessing to the



“Jesus knows you have broken my heart,” Joan Mackie, above, told convicted serial killer Gary Ridgway on Thursday. Her daughter, Cindy Smith, was killed in 1984.

murders, the most recent in 1998. Earlier Thursday, relatives of victims poured out decades of pain, anger and loss as they confronted Ridgway.

Kathy Mills, the mother of victim Opal Mills, 16, whose body was found Aug. 15, 1982, was able to

offer Ridgway her forgiveness.

“We wanted to see you die, but it’s all going to be over now,” said Kathy Mills, “Gary Leon Ridgway, I forgive you. I forgive you. You can’t hold me anymore. I’m through with you. I have a peace that is beyond human understanding.” GENE JOHNSON (AP)

Padilla Entitled to Trial, Court Says

Judges order release of alleged ‘dirty bomb’ plotter within 30 days

NEW YORK | President George W. Bush does not have the power to detain an American citizen seized on U.S. soil as an enemy combatant, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

The decision, which ordered that “dirty bomb” plot suspect Jose Padilla be released from military custody within 30 days, could force the government to try him in civilian courts. The White House said the government would seek a stay.

In a 2-1 ruling, a three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Padilla’s detention was not authorized by Congress and that Bush could not designate him as an enemy combatant without the authorization.

The former Chicago gang member who converted to Islam was arrested in May 2002 at Chicago’s O’Hare airport as he returned from Pakistan. Within days, he was moved to a naval brig in Charleston, S.C.

Padilla is accused of plotting to detonate a “dirty bomb,” which uses conventional explosives to disperse radioactive materials. The government said he had proposed the bomb plot to Abu Zubaydah, then al Qaeda’s top terrorism coordinator. Zubaydah was arrested in March 2002.

The court said the government was free to transfer Padilla to civilian authorities who can bring criminal charges. If appropriate, he also can be held as a material witness for grand jury proceedings, the court said. LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

The Padilla case: More on the legal wrangling over the fate of Jose Padilla | washingtonpost.com/nation

Schwarzenegger Declares Calif. Fiscal Emergency

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared California in a fiscal crisis Thursday and invoked emergency powers so he could impose \$150 million in spending cuts without the legislature’s approval.

The move comes as local governments in the state edged closer to financial meltdown following the loss of millions of dollars a day in revenue resulting from



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Finance Director Donna Arduin talk to reporters Thursday in Sacramento.

Schwarzenegger’s decision to cut a car tax.

State Democratic leaders have questioned the legality of Schwarzenegger’s move. (AP)

Court: Detainees Deserve Lawyers

Guantanamo prisoners should have access to U.S. courts, judges say

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal appeals court ruled Thursday for the first time that prisoners held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, should have access to lawyers and the American court system.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals’ 2-1 decision was a rebuke to the Bush administration, which maintains that because the

660 men held there were picked up overseas on suspicion of terrorism and are being held on foreign land, they may be detained indefinitely without charges or trial.

The Supreme Court last month agreed to decide whether the detainees, picked up in Afghanistan and Pakistan, should have access to the courts. The justices agreed to hear that case after the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the prisoners had no rights to the American legal system.

The San Francisco appeals court, ruling Thursday on a petition from a relative of a Libyan the U.S. military captured in Afghanistan, said the Bush administration’s indefinite detention of the men runs contrary to American ideals.

DAVID KRAVETS (AP)

Detainee abuse: The Justice Department says recently discovered videotapes shows abuse of 9/11 detainees in a N.Y. prison | Today’s Washington Post, A Section

In Brief

WASHINGTON Reagans Decry Move to Allow Hinckley Unsupervised Visits

The man who tried to kill President Reagan won permission for unmonitored visits with his parents, a decision the former president’s oldest son, Michael Reagan, called “an outrage.” U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman said John Hinckley Jr. may have six visits with his parents

in the Washington area without staff from the mental hospital where he has lived for more than two decades. “Just to have him out and to have him be free is an outrage,” Reagan said on CBS’s “The Early Show.” (AP)

MEMPHIS, TENN. Federal Express Cargo Jet Veers Off Runway, 1 Injured

A FedEx cargo jet caught fire and veered off the runway while landing at the Memphis airport Thursday. One minor injury was reported. No

cause had been determined, but a preliminary investigation indicated the plane’s right landing gear collapsed before the fire began. (AP)

WASHINGTON Justice Department Alleges Abuse at 2 Miss. Schools

The Justice Department filed a civil rights lawsuit Thursday against the state of Mississippi, alleging abuse of juvenile offenders at two state-run facilities. Some youths were tied to poles or forced to eat their own

vomit, prosecutors said. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi.

R. Alexander Acosta, assistant attorney general for civil rights, said negotiations between federal and state officials failed to address the problems identified in a year-long federal investigation of the Oakley Training School in Raymond and the Columbia Training School in Columbia. Oakley houses about 325 boys and Columbia houses about 200 boys and girls. (AP)

WASHINGTON Nation’s Population Nearing 300 Million, Officials Say

The U.S. population grew by 2.8 million in the past year and is edging toward 300 million, a threshold that should be reached within four years, the U.S. Census Bureau says. The overall population grew 1 percent, to nearly 291 million people. Immigration and a high birth rate among Hispanics — now the nation’s largest minority group — helped fuel the increase. (AP)



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World



Mourners carry the bodies of two members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the West Bank town of Nablus on Thursday. The two were killed earlier in a clash with Israeli troops who were conducting searches in Nablus.

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Israel's Sharon Sets New Course

P.M. floats idea of moving settlers out of West Bank, Gaza Strip

HERZLIYA, ISRAEL | Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday that Israel will take steps on its own to set up a security border unless Palestinians move quickly toward peace. The move could lead to the relocation of some Jewish settlements but also cost Palestinians land they want for a future state.

The new policy, announced in a long-awaited speech at a security conference in a Tel Aviv suburb, is a sweeping change for Sharon, who was the architect of Israel's settle-

ment policies. It would also be a major shift away from the policy of negotiating a settlement and would mean abandoning the U.S.-backed "road map," which calls for negotiations leading to a Palestinian state by 2005.

The Palestinians and U.S. officials have harshly criticized Sharon's go-it-alone concept, which would not give the Palestinians as much territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as they seek or address other key Palestinian issues due to be resolved in negotiations.

"This is not a prescription for peace," said Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath. "This is a prescription for more war." D. PERRY (AP)

Clark: Milosevic Knew Of Plans for Massacre

AMSTERDAM | Newly released transcripts reveal presidential hopeful Wesley Clark testified Slobodan Milosevic knew in advance about the 1995 massacre of thousands of Bosnian Muslims at Srebrenica, handing prosecutors the most direct evidence yet linking the former Yugoslav leader to the genocide.

The former NATO commander testified in closed sessions at the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague on Monday and Tuesday. The testimony was made public Thursday.

The strongest evidence came in Clark's recollection of a conversation with Milosevic in Belgrade one month after the massacre:

"I said, 'Mr. President, you say you have so much influence over the Bosnian Serbs, but how is it then ... that you allowed Gen. Mladic to kill all those people in Srebrenica?' ... 'Well, Gen. Clark,' he said, 'I warned Mladic not to do this, but he didn't listen to me.'"

Milosevic accused Clark of telling a "blatant lie" and said he never discussed Srebrenica with him. (AP)

In Brief

IRAQ

Cousin of Governing Council President Assassinated

Shiites buried an assassinated politician Thursday after a sneak attack blamed on Saddam loyalists. Muhannad al-Hakim, a representative of a major Shiite party and a member of a prominent political family, was killed Wednesday while leaving his home, officials said. Al-Hakim was a cousin of Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the current Governing Council president. (AP)

TAIWAN

SARS Patient's Colleagues In U.S. Being Tracked by CDC

Taiwan's first SARS patient in five months didn't strictly quarantine himself at home as officials originally said he did, and two colleagues who had close contact with him have flown to America, officials said Thursday. Officials with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were monitoring the men, who have shown no SARS symptoms, said a spokesman for Taiwan's Center for Disease Control. The patient, a 44-year-old military scientist, was diagnosed with SARS on Wednesday. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

U.N. Protecting Delegate Who Criticized Warlords

The United Nations granted protection to a delegate after her outburst against warlords at Afghanistan's historic constitutional convention sparked fears for her safety, a U.N. spokesman said Thursday. Malalai Joya, a delegate from western Farah province, decried the positions of influence at the council given to faction leaders who participated in Afghanistan's ruinous civil war in the 1990s. (AP)

ANGOLA

Landmine Explosion Kills 6

A landmine explosion killed six Angolan staff members of the international humanitarian organization CARE in the central province of Bie on Dec. 12, the group said Thursday. The victims were riding in a tractor and trailer that drove over a landmine. Angola is one of the most heavily mined countries in the world. Sixty-nine people were reportedly killed by landmines and unexploded ordnance last year. (AP)

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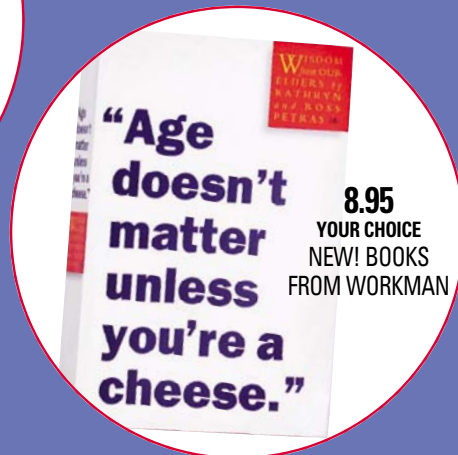
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Local

Metro Says It Will Learn From Scare

WASHINGTON | Metro riders left stranded on crowded platforms during last Friday's bomb threats made an impression on transit agency officials.

Metro's deputy general manager James Gallagher said Thursday that passengers have a right to know more facts when they face major service disruptions that cannot be corrected quickly.

Gallagher says Metro should issue simply worded advisories to the media and throughout the 103-mile-long commuter rail system when systemwide problems occur.

Gallagher's comments were based upon an assessment conducted by Metro following Friday's incident. Many stations on the Orange and Blue lines were closed for more than six hours after police received a call warning that explosives had been placed on tracks in Northeast D.C. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

The Lotteries

December 18

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Evening Lucky Numbers	0-7-2
Mid-day DC 4	8-6-4-0
Evening DC 4	4-7-3-0
Quick Cash	30-7-28-14-8-23
Hot Five	17-23-3-29-9

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-6-5
Evening Pick 3	3-4-3
Mid-day Pick 4	4-5-5-9
Evening Pick 4	1-7-7-4
Match 5	3-9-16-20-23 Bonus: 5
Lotto (Wed.)	2-15-18-31-41-42

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Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	5-3-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-8-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-2-1-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-6-7-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	7-10-18-19-22
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-8-15-20-27
Lotto South (Wed.)	19-21-42-43-44-45

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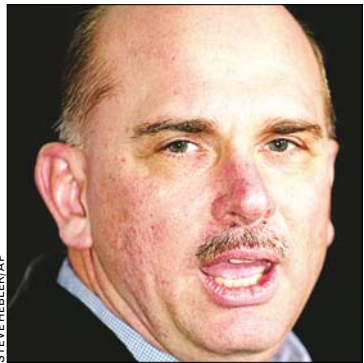
COLLEGE PARK, MD. | Sonia Wills was on her way home from planting a small Christmas tree at son Conrad Johnson's grave when her husband called with the news that Lee Boyd Malvo had been convicted of capital murder.

"I said 'Thank God! He's going to get what he deserved,'" Wills said Thursday evening. "I think now I can really enjoy Christmas."

Malvo, 18, was convicted of two counts of capital murder for the Oct. 14, 2002 shooting of Linda Franklin and now faces a possible death sentence.

Franklin's daughter, Katrina Hannum, cried after the verdict while her relatives and friends patted each other on the shoulders.

The late Dean Meyers' brother, Robert Meyers, said he was "extremely pleased" with the verdict.



Robert Meyers, brother of the late Dean Meyers, was pleased by the verdict.

Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan said the verdicts should be a relief to more than just the families of victims. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

Judgment day: For a complete recap on Malvo's verdict and for more reactions | washingtonpost.com/metro

DERAILMENT | WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS



SHUT DOWN: Amtrak and Virginia Railway Express were forced to suspend service south of Washington after a freight train derailed in Alexandria, Va., Thursday. VRE said it would run a limited schedule Friday.

Park Service Will Fire Police Chief

WASHINGTON | The National Park Service told U.S. Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers of plans to fire her on Thursday, accusing her of violating federal rules by going public about budget and staffing problems.

Chambers was presented with a proposal for her dismissal and an outline of the charges against her, said her attorney, Peter Noone. The charges include insubordination, unauthorized lobbying and public disclosure of budget information. (AP)

Reports of Crimes on Metrobuses Rise

WASHINGTON | The chief of the Metro Transit Police had a feeling that crimes on Metrobuses have historically been underreported. She apparently was right.

In September, Chief Polly L.

Hanson made a special effort to encourage drivers to formally report such incidents.

In the first 10 months of this year, reported crimes on trains and in rail stations declined from 342 to 249,

and parking lot incidents dropped from 830 to 766. But the increased reporting in October prompted bus crimes to rise to 66 from 55 during the same period in 2002.

The increase in reported bus-related crimes has primarily been in the District, Hanson said. (AP)

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ACCOUNTING SCANDALS

\$8.4M Sought From Former Freddie Mac Executives

Federal regulators sought \$8.4 million in civil fines Thursday from two ousted Freddie Mac top executives for their role in the mortgage giant's \$5 billion accounting scandal. The civil fines include \$5.8 million and \$2.6 million from ex-CEO Leland Brendsel and ex-CFO Vaughn Clarke, respectively, as well as \$24.4 million in severance benefits from Brendsel. (AP)

MUTUAL FUNDS SCANDALS

Alliance Fined \$600M For Role in Improper Trading

Alliance Capital Management agreed to a \$600 million penalty in two separate settlements Thursday to resolve allegations of improper mutual fund trading. Alliance will pay \$250 million in the first settlement, coordinated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, and \$350 million in a second settlement, which includes slashing its fund fees by 20 percent. (AP)

TELEMARKETING

First Do-Not-Call Complaint

The Federal Communications Commission has issued its first complaint against a company violating the do-not-call list. The FCC did not fine the California firm for violating the rules, instead reminding the firm that violations carry penalties of up to \$11,000 each. (AP)

Wal-Mart Tests Online Music Site

Discount retailer selling downloaded songs for 88 cents each

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. | Wal-Mart began a test Thursday of its new 88-cent-per-song online music service, trying to capture more of the music market at a price that undercuts the 99-cent standard of its competition.

The site has "hundreds of thousands" of songs, available in Windows Media Audio format, which can be transferred to compatible portable devices, burned to a CD or played on Windows-compatible PCs, Wal-Mart said.

The company plans to see what customers like and don't like about the service in the months ahead and

formally launch it in spring 2004, said Walmart.com senior category manager Kevin Swint.

Walmart.com spokeswoman Cynthia Lin would not say what the company's profit expectations are for the service. CHUCK BARTELS (AP)

LOWDOWN ON DOWNLOADS

- **Wal-Mart:** 88 cents per song; album prices vary. Can burn a song to CD up to 10 times; can transfer to up to three computers.
- **iTunes:** 99 cents per song; \$9.99 and up for albums. Unlimited CD burning, but only 10 CDs per playlist. Transfer to three computers.
- **Napster 2.0:** 99 cents per song; \$9.95 per album. Unlimited CD burning but only five CDs per playlist. Transfer to three computers.

NYSE Taps Goldman's Thain for CEO

NEW YORK | Moving quickly after federal regulators approved an overhaul plan for the New York Stock Exchange, the board named Goldman Sachs investment firm president John Thain as the exchange's new chief executive on Thursday.



Thain

Thain, 48, will succeed interim CEO and chairman John Reed, who has held those positions since the September departure of Dick Grasso, who resigned amid a furor over salary, which topped out at \$188 million annually.

Thain's appointment is effective Jan. 15. Reed said Thain will be paid a total of \$4 million a year, including all benefits. MEG RICHARDS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
WHX	2.83	+0.50	+21.5
NelsnT	24.13	+2.55	+11.8
BushInd	3.87	+0.39	+11.2
DuaneR	14.97	+1.48	+11.0
NelsnB	23.75	+2.25	+10.5

Losers

ColgPal	50.30	-3.58	-6.6
DiagPdct	44.75	-2.52	-5.3
CavalrH h	2.86	-0.15	-5.0
OmegaP	7.70	-0.40	-4.9
RetailVent	4.65	-0.20	-4.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.87	0.88
2-year	1.79	1.78
10-year	4.13	4.24
30-year	4.95	5.10

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LrgScale	2.39	+0.99	+70.7
Merix Cp	22.44	+3.93	+21.2
NthfIdLb	6.24	+1.04	+20.0
ModemM	7.07	+1.12	+18.8
IntlAsst	4.51	+0.70	+18.4

Losers

palmOne	10.74	-3.11	-22.5
Dynacq	8.95	-2.04	-18.6
NaviSite rs	7.20	-1.43	-16.6
IntlElec	3.50	-0.59	-14.4
Sensytch	12.00	-2.00	-14.3

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5644	.5657	.6250
Canadian Dollar	1.3311	1.3263	1.5531
European Euro	.8047	.8062	.9751
Japanese Yen	107.59	107.36	121.11
Mexican Peso	11.2380	11.2450	10.1690
Taiwanese Dollar	33.98	34.03	34.84

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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	76.35	+0.65	+32.5
AstraZen	46.77	+1.28	+33.3
BarrLab s	76.85	+2.64	+77.1
BrMySq	27.21	+0.25	+17.5
ForestLb s	61.00	+0.95	+24.2
IvaxCp	23.02	+0.12	+89.8
JohnJn	49.97	+0.62	-7.0
LillyEli	73.12	+0.64	+15.1
Merck	44.60	+0.50	-16.8
Mylan s	25.74	+0.09	+65.9
Pfizer	34.44	+0.09	+12.7
SchergPI	16.76	-0.04	-24.5
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Sports

Boston Declares Big Trade Dead

Selig terminates talks to restructure contract of shortstop Rodriguez

PRO BASEBALL | The Alex Rodriguez trade was declared "dead" by the Boston Red Sox after Major League commissioner Bud Selig ended talks to restructure the shortstop's \$252 million contract Thursday.

The Red Sox and Rodriguez had tried to rework the deal so it would be acceptable to the MLB players' union, which rejected the changes Wednesday. Boston hoped to get the AL MVP from the Texas Rangers

for Manny Ramirez, in a swap of the league's highest-paid players.

"The proposed trade between the Boston Red Sox and the Texas Rangers is dead," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said.

Texas general manager John Hart expressed hope that the trade might still be rekindled.

Selig had set a 5 p.m. deadline for an agreement between the Red Sox and Rodriguez.

"I have terminated my permission for Boston and Alex Rodriguez to continue pursuing this transaction at this time," Selig said.

RONALD BLUM (AP)



HOME ON THE RANGE: All-star shortstop Alex Rodriguez is still a Texas Ranger, as trade talks were called off Thursday by Commissioner Bud Selig.

LIVE ONLINE

The Redskins

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer **MARK MASKE** was online Thursday discussing the Redskins' season and upcoming offseason moves.

If the Redskins turn out two more performances as bad as last Sunday's, is it possible owner Dan Snyder might change his mind about keeping coach Steve Spurrier?

I don't think there's any chance that Snyder will change his mind. Spurrier won't be fired and he won't be offered a buyout.

I hate to advocate losing, but don't you think it would be better for the 2004 season if the Redskins drop the last two games and finish 5-11 and behind the Giants? That way, they would get to play Arizona and Atlanta in 2004, rather than New Orleans and San Francisco, in addition to their games against division rivals, the NFC North, and the AFC North.

I think there is an intrinsic value to winning games. I think if you can go 7-9 instead of 5-11, you feel better about yourself going into the offseason and there could be a carryover heading into next season (sometimes, not always). If you think it would be better to lose, go 5-11 and get a better draft pick, you think like my sports editor.

As I understand it, Steve Spurrier has control over the hiring and firing of assistant coaches. Do you think that Dan Snyder and vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato will try to force him to fire his assistants?

Spurrier's contract gives him control over his staff. The decision will be his. But plenty of people around the league think that one of Spurrier's biggest problems is the lack of experience among the coaches that he has surrounded himself with, and it would be difficult for him to look around after the way things have gone and not concede that they have a point.

WEEKEND'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. Friday on WB50) The Wizards visit the Nets.

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. Friday on Comcast) The Washington Capitals host the Toronto Maple Leafs.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (4 p.m. Saturday on Comcast) Wake Forest and North Carolina tip off play in the ACC.

PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 p.m. Saturday on ESPN) New England needs a win over the New York Jets to maintain home-field advantage in the playoffs.

PRO FOOTBALL (1 p.m. Sunday on Fox) The Redskins visit the Bears.

PRO FOOTBALL (1 p.m. Sunday on CBS) The Ravens face the Browns.

PRO FOOTBALL (8:30 p.m. Sunday on ESPN) The Broncos face the Colts in a game featuring two likely playoff teams.

Tejada Introduced as Newest Oriole

Baltimore continues talks to sign Guerrero, I. Rodriguez and Lopez

PRO BASEBALL | Miguel Tejada slipped into a Baltimore Orioles jersey with his name and the No. 10 on the back, stuck a cap on his head and flashed a big smile.

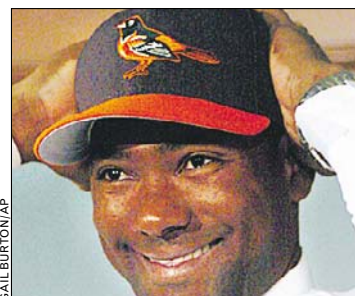
The Orioles put their new shortstop on display Thursday, hopeful the news conference was merely the first of several such affairs at Camden Yards this winter.

Tejada, who won the 2002 AL MVP award with the Oakland Athletics, agreed to a \$72 million,

six-year contract on Sunday.

The Orioles are in hot pursuit of Vladimir Guerrero, a four-time All-Star. It doesn't hurt that Tejada's agent, Fernando Cuza, is also Guerrero's representative. Cuza said negotiations are ongoing, but would not go into specifics.

The Orioles have also made offers to catchers Ivan Rodriguez and Javier Lopez. Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie has also had discussions with Barry Praver, the agent for pitcher Sidney Ponson, who was traded from Baltimore to



Miguel Tejada tries on his new uniform.

San Francisco last year before the July 31 trading deadline but is now a free agent. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Birds of a feather? Dave Sheinin discusses the Orioles' chances to land Vladimir Guerrero and other free agents | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 1 p.m.

Playoff Brawl Leads to Assault Charges

PRO BASEBALL | Two New York Yankees players and a Boston Red Sox groundskeeper were charged with assault and battery Thursday for a bullpen fight during a play-off game.

A clerk magistrate allowed the misdemeanor charges against players Jeff Nelson and Karim Garcia and groundskeeper Paul Williams despite a lack of court testimony from eyewitnesses, saying there was enough evidence in the police report.

The fight took place during a raucous Game 3 of the American

League championship series on Oct. 11. Williams said he was attacked by Yankee reliever Nelson because he was cheering for the Red Sox in the Yankee bullpen.

But Nelson, who filed a counter-complaint against Williams, said during a hearing in Roxbury District Court last week that it was Williams who provoked the fight. Garcia later jumped over the outfield fence into the bullpen to join the fight.

The misdemeanor assault charges carry a maximum penalty of 2 1/2 years in prison or a \$500 fine. Clerk



This fight has led to two Yankees and a groundskeeper facing court charges.

Magistrate Michael Neighbors scheduled arraignments for Nelson, Garcia and Williams for Jan. 7. (AP)

Family Member Donating Kidney To Mourning

PRO BASKETBALL | Less than a month after retiring from the NBA with a kidney disease, Alonzo Mourning will undergo kidney transplant surgery Friday in New York, his agent said.

Mourning will receive the kidney from an unidentified family member, agent Jeff Wechsler said. The former All-Star announced last month that he needed a transplant. (AP)

PRO BOWL: Champ Bailey and LaVar Arrington were the only two players selected Thursday to represent the Washington Redskins at the NFL's Pro Bowl in Honolulu on Feb. 8. (AP)

Rebel in a Plaid Suit

Julia Roberts as an art professor with big dreams for her girls

FILM | Blindly following society's edicts and becoming a housewife is bad. Thinking for yourself and following your own path is good.

You don't need a degree from Wellesley to figure that out. But the makers of "Mona Lisa Smile" still beat you over the head with this feel-good feminist platitude.

Director Mike Newell's film plays like "Dead Poet's Sorority," with Julia Roberts as a forward-thinking Wellesley College professor urging her students to free their minds.

Aside from amassing an arsenal of talented young actresses (including Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles and Maggie Gyllenhaal), dressing them in sweater sets and pearls and finding just the right shade of red lipstick, the film seems pointless.

Roberts seems an anachronism, though — her larger-than-life persona as a contemporary Hollywood star overshadows her ability to immerse herself believably in a period piece.

In "Mona Lisa Smile," she plays art history professor Katherine Watson. Her methods are considered unorthodox — she talks



GETTING HER M.R.S. DEGREE: The young ladies of Wellesley contemplate a day when red lipstick is no longer a necessity.

about Picasso and Pollock! — and the words "progressive" and "subversive" are used so often to describe her, it could be a drinking game.

Not that the hubbub matters; most of her students, including society girl Betty (Dunst) and overachiever Joan (Stiles), are more interested in walking down the aisle in a wedding dress than ever wearing a cap and gown.

But Katherine provokes some others, including bad-girl Giselle (Gyllenhaal) and shy Connie (Ginnifer Goodwin). She also provokes the attention of Bill Dunbar (Dominic West), the hottie Italian professor.

Eventually, the administration feels threatened and demands to approve her lesson plans. And despite her efforts to inspire these

bright young things, Katherine ultimately must admit to herself that Wellesley is "a finishing school disguised as a college."

Since everything about the script from Lawrence Konner and Mark Rosenthal ("The Beverly Hillbillies") is so pat and facile, there's no way the ending could be anything short of inspirational. Class dismissed. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

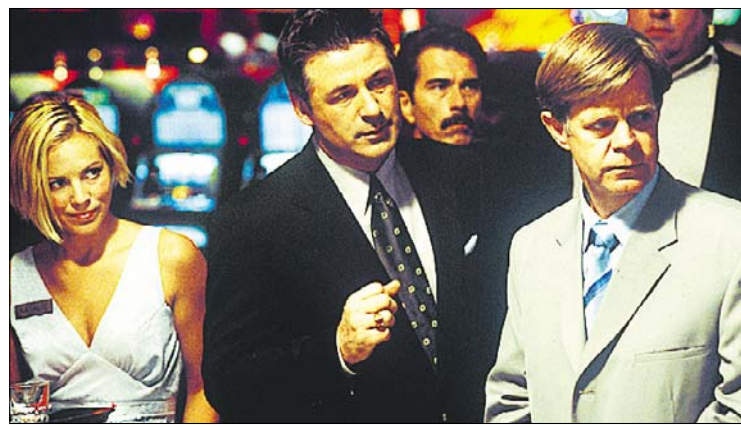
Betting on Romance

FILM | Call "The Cooler" a "Leaving Las Vegas" lite. William H. Macy plays a down-at-the-heels ex-gambler paying off heavy markers by working as a casino cooler. (That's a guy who can cool winning streaks by his sheer loser's presence at the table or the slots). Six weeks from his freedom, he is unexpectedly caught up in romance and danger.

The story is romantic make-

believe, but it yields surprising poignancy, with Macy teamed with Maria Bello's vulnerable, disillusioned cocktail waitress.

Alec Baldwin plays a casino director, at once sentimental and brutal, clinging to the old days in the face of inexorable change. Vegas mythology is made fresh and witty by first-time director Wayne Kramer. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



ROLL OF THE DICE: A hard-luck guy meets a good-luck dame in a tough-luck world.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's *Washington Post*.

Miss December: English matrons pose in the near-buff in a surprisingly downbeat film. **Michael O'Sullivan** reviews "Calendar Girls." | *Weekend*

Adult Film: A compassionate movie about grown-ups for grown-ups; **Ann Hornaday** reviews "The Barbarian Invasion." | *Style*

Busy 'Slacker': A look back at an Austin director with an eye for the Zeitgeist. **AFI** hosts a "Richard Linklater Retrospective." | *Weekend*

→ **Got Plans?**

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The Going Out Gurus of Got Plans? think you should get out more. Get in on the discussion every Thursday at 1 p.m.

I want to go to a "guys' lunch" tomorrow somewhere near Penn Quarter, since one of us is getting married soon, and I don't want to break the bank. Any suggestions?

What about a burger for you lads at Nick & Stef's or the Capital Grille? You could probably do that for \$15 or so a head, no drinks.

Nick & Stef's, 601 F St. NW; 202-661-5040. (Judiciary Square)

Capital Grille, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-737-6200. (Archives-Navy Memorial)



Santa's bag is a-jingle this year with the merry sound of sweet, sweet booze.

Anyone know where to get a lot of tiny liquor bottles at decent prices? I promise, they're not for me.

We suggest you check out all the liquor stores on upper Georgia Avenue NW. No shortage of them there. And try Pearson's in Georgetown or Calvert-Woodley and see if they'll give you a 5 or 10 percent discount if you buy a bunch, like they do for wine.

Pearson's, 2436 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-6666.

Calvert-Woodley, 4339 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-966-0445. (UDC)

My boyfriend's sister is graduating from college on Sunday. Where is there to celebrate with a late lunch near College Park?

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Entertainment

→GotPlans?

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Any word on whether the White House Candlelight Tours will be available this year? Also, I know that the Pageant of Peace tickets sell out every year. How and when are these first offered for sale? There aren't special holiday tours of the White House, as there were in previous administrations. But the White House Web site is inspired and gussied up for the holidays — you can take a virtual tour there.

The National Christmas tree/Pageant of Peace, however, you can see on the Ellipse anytime. (It was only the tree lighting on Dec. 4 that you needed tickets for; those tickets went on sale in November.)

www.pageantofpeace.org

www.whitehouse.gov/holiday

Re: White House holiday decorations. Don't forget you can access the Barney Cam on the Web site! You get the Scottish Terrier's-eye view of the White House decorations.

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New Classics

Nick at Nite and TV Land plan to do classic TV one better

TELEVISION | TV Land and Nick at Nite, for which time has always stood still, say they will start producing new series.

Nick at Nite airs reruns on the Nickelodeon children's network starting at 9 p.m. (10 p.m. on weekend nights). TV Land is a separate basic cable outlet devoted exclusively to old TV. Both are owned by Viacom.

First up on Nick at Nite: "Fatherhood," a cartoon based on Bill Cosby's best-selling book, scheduled to air in June.

Other series in development include "Zen & Buster," a cartoon about dogs in Hollywood created by Kelsey Grammer, and "Alf's Hit Talk Show," with the puppet alien interviewing celebrities.

"Living in TV Land" sends cameras following the lives of veteran actors such as Dick Van Patten and Jack Klugman, and "Table Read" reunites TV series casts for readings



JIM COOPER/AP

SPEAKING UP FOR KIDS' TV: Blair Underwood stars in "Fatherhood."

of some of their shows' best scripts. Another series, "Hello Out There," is described as a comedy about the behind-the-scenes antics of running a classic TV network.

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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WHAT IF FRANK CAPRA HAD NEVER BEEN BORN?

EVEN STEVENS (Fri., 7:30 p.m., Disney) How many times do we have to watch tired variations on "It's a Wonderful Life"? Tonight, the cable comedy repeats a 2000 episode in which Louis (Shia LeBeouf) has a horrible Hanukkah experience and wishes he had never existed. With the help of an angelic relative, he then sees how dull things would be without him.

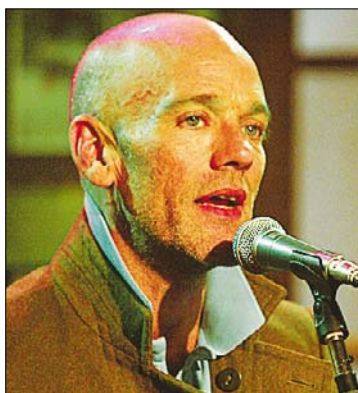
Some screenwriter should create a show about what his life would be if he had never seen "It's a Wonderful Life."

NICE TRY, DAVID

BOSTON PUBLIC (Fri., 9 p.m., Fox) The band R.E.M. will perform an acoustic version of "Losing My Religion" on this Christmas episode. You can bet producer David E. Kelley has asked Santa to move this show back to Mondays and away from Friday nights, the Bermuda Triangle of Fox programming.

WHY? BECAUSE YOU'RE OLD

MICKEY MOUSE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY (Sat., 8 p.m., ABC) Tonight's special will



LOSING MY INTEGRITY: R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe shills for "Boston Public."

glance back at the mouse's illustrious career and feature numerous plugs for Mickey-related events at Disney-owned theme parks. Mickey was first among equals in Walt Disney's pantheon of critters, which also includes Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Donald and Daisy Duck, Louis, Dewey and Huey, and that unsettling mute dog, Pluto.

But Mickey has since been relegated a corporate logo. A generation or two has grown up more familiar with "The Lion King" "Lilo & Stitch" and "Toy Story" than with the squeaky-voiced little mouse.

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THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES (Fri., 8:30 p.m., Lifetime). A 1996 comedy misfire starring Barbra Streisand and Jeff Bridges.

ADAPTATION (Sat., 8 p.m., HBO) Nicolas Cage plays twin screenwriters in Spike Jonze's 2002 meditation on creativity and writer's block. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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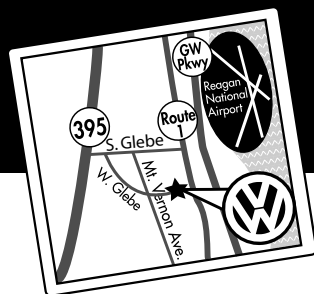
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Reviews by The Washington Post's Ann Hornaday and Stephen Hunter.

BAD SANTA (R, 93 minutes) For good or ill, "Bad Santa" has been demographically engineered for the smallest interest group in America: those who hate Christmas. These people occupy a psychological state that might be called "generally unhappy unhappiness," and they will love Bad Santa (played by Billy Bob Thornton) with his cheerful blasphemy and the delight he takes in the trashing of all that is dear, sweet and holy. (SH)

THE CAT IN THE HAT (PG, 73 minutes) It's so good it breaks your heart for not being better. It's kept from brilliance by a soggy climax and a clumsy central narrative. But 9-year-old Dakota Fanning is breathtakingly fresh and funny. (SH)

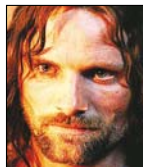
HONEY (PG-13, 98 minutes) A derivative star-and-soundtrack vehicle assembled from the spare parts of "Fame," "Flashdance" and "Saturday Night Fever." The point, it seems, is to sell Jessica Alba as a bona fide movie star. The camera clearly loves her, but her lack of dance experience—in a dance-driven film—shows. (AH)

IN AMERICA (PG-13, 100 minutes) With a title like "In America," Jim Sheridan sounds like one of those generic encomiums to immigrant pluck, luck and guts. Thank God it's not that. It's far too specific, too odd, too funny, too unusual to fit any mold other than its own. (SH)

THE LAST SAMURAI (R, 144 minutes) Director Edward Zwick desperately aspires to become Akira Kurosawa, and "The Last Samurai" is wannabe-ism on a multimillion-dollar scale. But under its beauty, its lush production values and its superficial spell of enchantment, the film feels lame

and thin, wan and stale. Movies set in a period of Japanese history should not be about handsome white people. It just feels wrong and, in the end, leaves in your mouth the taste of desecration. (SH)

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING (PG-13, 201 minutes) Like many epic fantasies, the film decodes into straight combat stuff. There's us and there's them. They want what we have, and we're not about to give it to them. You don't have to love hobbits (I don't) to love this, but nevertheless it's true that the one thing director Peter Jackson does brilliantly is capture the exhilaration, fatigue, heroism and despair of war. (SH)



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LOVE DON'T COST A THING (PG-13, 100 minutes) This rehash of the 1987 teen comedy "Can't Buy Me Love" proves that the meek may indeed inherit the Earth. All they have to do is turn monstrous. Star Nick Cannon is so meek in the beginning, though, it's hard to notice he's there. The movie's one outstanding comic turn comes from Steve Harvey as Cannon's clueless dad. (SH)



Milian and Cannon pay "Love's" cost.

THE MISSING (R, 130 minutes) Directed by Ron Howard with assurance, taste and some lack of imagination, "The Missing" harks back to epic Westerns like John Ford's "The Searchers." Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett have no trouble taking firm hold of the screen. (AH)

THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED (unrated, 74 minutes) An extraordinary inside look at politics—the 2002 coup staged by anti-Hugo Chavez forces in Venezuela—at its most urgent, volatile and bare-knuckled. The Irish filmmakers, already in the country working on a Chavez documentary, take us inside these tense, emotional and occasionally terrifying events with immediacy and remarkable clarity. (AH)



Nicholson and Keaton in "Gotta Give."

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (PG-13, 113 minutes) Its lack of cosmic weight aside, the film is generally quite amusing, with a brilliant cast. It's a big ditty about Jack and Diane, two American kids not from the heartland. Nicholson's stumpy charm is blasting everywhere, and Keaton is willowy as ever, self-amused, self-deprecating, ironic, superficially flustered and underneath sure. (SH)

STUCK ON YOU (PG-13, 118 minutes) Viewers anticipating side-splitting guffaws in this Farrelly Brothers flick will be disappointed. The film is a strangely lackluster, flaccid string of fitfully humorous episodes. For the most part, aside from the usual sex jokes and visual gags, the movie turns out to be a long, relatively bloodless Hollywood satire with sophomoric bits thrown in out of contractual obligation. (AH)

21 GRAMS (R, 126 minutes) Under its seemingly chic despair, its celebration of squalor, its violence, its willfully skewed narrative, "21 Grams," starring Sean Penn and Naomi Watts, is a powerful relic from a bygone age: a real "miracle of faith" movie. The film itself is a miracle—tough, smart, relentless, provocative and, above all, serious. (SH)



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'Cold' Spell at Globes

AWARDS | The Civil War epic "Cold Mountain" collected eight Golden Globe nominations Thursday as Hollywood marked the start of its trophy-giving season. Sophia Coppola's "Lost in Translation" and "Mystic River," directed by Clint Eastwood, received five

nominations each. Best movie drama contenders were "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World," "Seabiscuit" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." "King" had four nominations including Peter Jackson for best director. In the category of best comedy or musical, Tim Burton's "Big Fish" competes against "Finding Nemo," "Lost in Translation," "Bend It Like Beckham" and "Love Actually." (AP)

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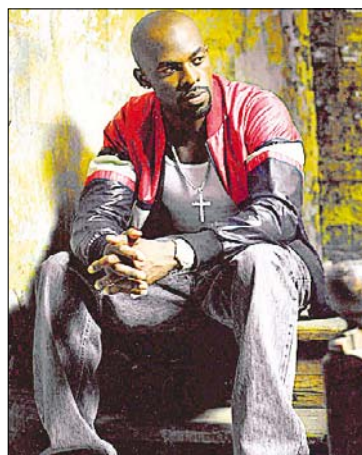
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MUSIC | Joe's latest album, "And Then..." (Jive Records), starts off promising, but then disappoints — miserably. The title track about a sexual escapade makes you expect an album of sexy slow jams and then ... the rest of the album fails to live up to that expectation.

Joe's smooth voice is most suited for sultry ballads, but there are no great ones here; just a collection of mediocre or bad songs.

Songs such as "Jeep," about a sex-

ual rendezvous in the back seat of a Hummer in a shopping mall parking lot, aren't exactly sexy. And "More & More," the first single about an extended sexual encounter (noticing a theme?), is simplistic and uninspired. Many of the songs are more suited for Jive labelmate R. Kelly, who wrote and produced "More & More." Next time, Joe, just stick to love songs and leave the playa themes alone.

DAMITA CHAMBERS (AP)



Sunday in The Washington Post

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Stephen Hunter explores the significance of battle scenes in film — what makes for an effective fight? | *Arts*

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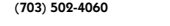
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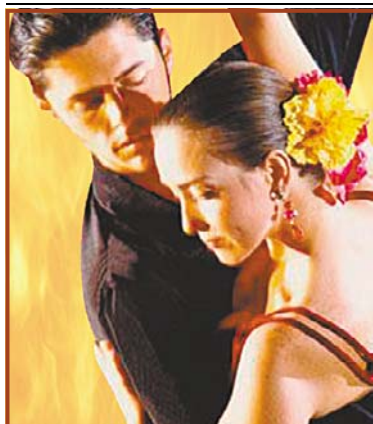
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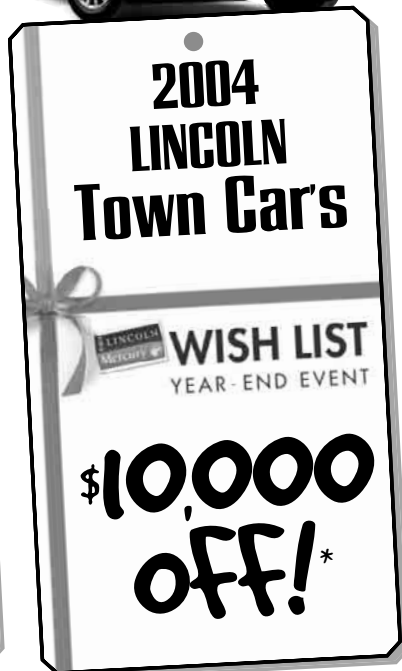
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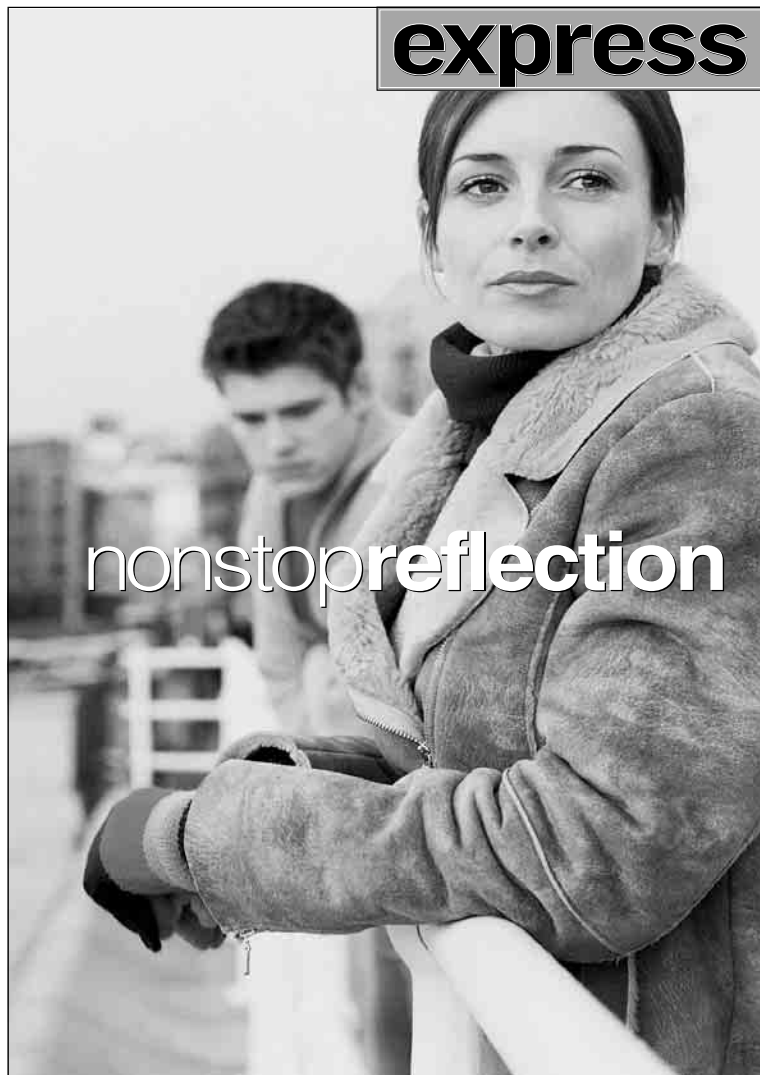
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THEATRICALS

A New Stage for Puffy

SEAN COMBS will make his Broadway debut this season in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," Lorraine Hansbury's landmark drama about a black family moving into an all-white Chicago neighborhood. (AP)



JUSTICE

Nas Comes Clean

Rapper **NAS** turned himself in to police on Wednesday and was charged with assault for allegedly throwing a bottle at a man during a fight in a Manhattan nightclub. Nas, born Nasir Jones, grew up in housing projects in Queens, N.Y. He first made his name as a top rap performer in 1994. (AP)

ROLE MODEL

The Man Just Gives and Gives

Rapper **TRICK DADDY**, who is awaiting trial on drug possession, assault and weapons charges, was allowed to perform at a city-sponsored holiday party this week for about 5,000 children in Miami, Fla. (AP)



ANNALS OF EDUCATION

Olsen Twins Bite Big Apple

Celeb twins Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have been admitted to New York University. According to People magazine, both Olsens will enroll next fall in the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, a specialized program at NYU. (EXPRESS)

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"To me, it's not a homosexual relationship."

—SEAN ASTIN

REFERRING TO FAN DEBATES OVER WHETHER SAM AND FRODO ARE GAY IN THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" TRILOGY.

EVERYONE'S A CRITIC

Pope Gives Gibson's 'Passion' a Thumbs Up

POPE JOHN PAUL II said that "The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's epic, "shows how it was," a church official said. The pope's apparent approval follows similar praise from several Vatican officials. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Hi 36
Lo 26Sat.
Hi 38
Lo 24Sun.
Hi 42
Lo 28Mon.
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Lo 36Tues.
Hi 54
Lo 38

Today, early snow showers, perhaps a coating of snow mainly south and east, mostly cloudy, brisk, cold. High 36. Wind west to northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, cold. Low 26.

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS that you touted the Toyota Tundra, a gas-guzzling, overindulgent, rear-seat-DVD-playing road menace ("Double-Cab Fun," Dec. 17). We are in a war that is about the control of oil. How about making an argument for producing only cars that run on clean, renewable energy? Or maybe an article on cars that are not so big that they allow their drivers to be obnoxious and aggressive because they feel "safe." Or perhaps an article about the record number of Americans declaring bankruptcy as a result of buying things they can't afford and don't really need. Any of these articles would have been better than a plug for an already wealthy car company.

—STEPHANIE ST. CLAIR
Washington, D.C.

WHY ARE THE EXPRESS horoscopes always so bleak and negative? If just once during the week, my horoscope read, "Today will be a great day," I would be excited about starting the day, as opposed to being ready to jab something into my cornea.

—STEPHANIE GARFIELD
Arlington, Va.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We're sorry to hear you're down, but please don't blame the messenger. We only relay the news; it's the stars that do the writing.

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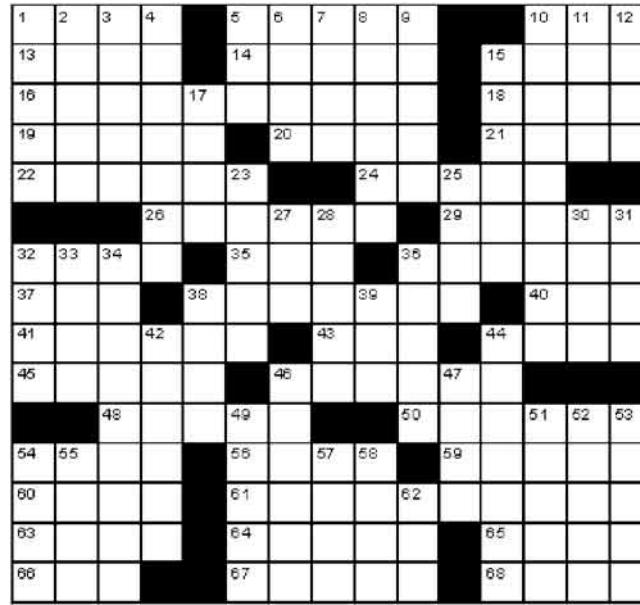
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Bank On It! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Shoots the breeze
- 5 Ocean catches
- 10 Remote stop?
- 13 In __ (consecutively)
- 14 Tara family name
- 15 Critic's swipe
- 16 Mob's payment
- 18 Fir feature
- 19 '60s guru Timothy
- 20 Hairdo crushers
- 21 Coarse
- 22 Respect
- 24 Waited and wanted
- 26 Hindu creator
- 29 Provides with
- 32 Plagiarize
- 35 Pep rally cry
- 36 Psycho
- 37 Peyton Manning's brother
- 38 Sleep inducer
- 40 2003 MVP Duncan's turf
- 41 Prods
- 43 Swell
- 44 Pain in the neck
- 45 Wise people
- 46 Hamper
- 48 Long
- 50 Jimmy's defeater
- 54 Consumer pitfall
- 56 Planetary path
- 59 Comparatively crude
- 60 Bryce Canyon site



- 61 Nostalgic destination
- 63 Marathoner's concern
- 64 One of the deadly sins
- 65 Where you might get a tan?
- 66 White-rumped westerner

- 67 Don Quixote's Rosinante, e.g.
 - 68 Hankerings
- DOWN**
- 1 Best actor for "It Happened One Night"
 - 2 Van Gogh town
 - 3 Show displeasure, as to a performer

- 4 Had faith in
- 5 Thumb, for one
- 6 Bad thing to hear at a checkup
- 7 Neverland outsider
- 8 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
- 9 Authority
- 10 Euphoric state

- 11 Cigar collectible
- 12 Neverland bad guy
- 15 Sun or smoke follower
- 17 Batik artist
- 23 Palenque dweller
- 25 Schedule
- 27 Cooped-up female
- 28 Start of a famous palindrome
- 30 Dollops
- 31 Sing nonsense syllables
- 32 Elementary grades
- 33 Gymnast Korbut
- 34 One way to ride
- 36 Supreme Being
- 38 He smacked 66 in '98
- 39 Cleaning implement
- 42 Do a slow burn
- 44 Result of an infraction
- 46 Turn upside down
- 47 Small fishing boat
- 49 Cavorts
- 51 Apprised
- 52 Bolshevik hero
- 53 Bottom-of-the-barrel stuff
- 54 Chump
- 55 Relative of etc.
- 57 Fontainebleau friend
- 58 Metallic deposit
- 62 Checkers side

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Don't lose sight of what you most want to attain. You have to go without something to acquire what is more important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may be difficult for you to mix business with pleasure, especially when you are put in a position of some authority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can manage on your own, but it may be more important to try and get along with someone who shares your outlook and your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be able to inspire a little more competitive spirit in those around you who are usually more apt to avoid all kinds of contests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may come in contact with someone who knows how to make sense of issues you've found difficult.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have reasons to forget about the day altogether. But it's not likely to be all-bad. Pick and choose and remember what works for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Answer to others even as you tend to your own needs. A compromise will be necessary before the day is out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You won't find yourself waiting around too much; be prepared to swing into action early on — and to keep it up all day long.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It may be time to get in touch with someone from your past who can show you a way out of this current rut.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're going to have to make one or two important concessions, and don't make the mistake of thinking you're giving in as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You're in the mood to settle a little more comfortably into a productive routine. A friend can help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your attraction to another may have to be ignored — either for personal or professional reasons. Still, it needn't go unacknowledged.

LIVE ONLINE

Malvo Verdict

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

American University professor **RITA SIMON** was online Thursday to discuss the guilty verdict in the trial of sniper Lee Boyd Malvo.

What was the jury's message in declaring Malvo guilty of capital murder?

The jury was telling Malvo and the American public that they were horrified by the crimes that he and John Muhammad committed — that they found no excuse for Malvo's participation in those horrendous acts. They believed that he understood what he was doing and was a willing supporter of Muhammad.

He might have been influenced by Muhammad but not to the degree that he did not understand right from wrong.

What is the difference between capital murder and first degree murder?

In capital murder you have to show that a killing was part of an act of terrorism. In first degree murder, you don't.

How do you think this affects the notion of brainwashing as a general defense?

I think it probably weakens it. In fact, in following many cases in which a defendant introduces a defense of insanity, I have not heard of instances in which brainwashing was an additional factor in deciding whether the defendant could distinguish between right and wrong.

How often is a defense of insanity introduced?

It's introduced in about one or two percent of all criminal trials. It's important to note — and John Hinckley, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity, was in the news this week — that when a jury does find a defendant not guilty by reason of insanity there is usually a public uproar against the verdict. It is a very unpopular verdict.

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NOON: Bruce Reed, president of the Democratic Leadership Council and editor of "Blueprint," discusses his Sunday Outlook article on how a Democrat runs for president in 2004.

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